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INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Juan Somavia (Chile), as a result of informal consultations

Eradication of poverty

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1996/1 on the coordination of United Nations system activities for poverty eradication,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1996 coordination segment of the Council on the eradication of poverty, [1]

1. Reaffirms that the goal of eradicating poverty in the world is an ethical, social, political and economic imperative;

2. Reaffirms also that the Council will continue to provide overall guidance and oversee system-wide coordination in the implementation of its agreed conclusions 1996/1 on the eradication of poverty by all organizations of the United Nations system;

3. Stresses the need for implementation by the United Nations system of its agreed conclusions 1996/1 on coordinated United Nations support and availability of resources for poverty eradication activities at the field level;

1/ E/1997/58.

4. Welcomes the steps already taken by functional commissions, in particular the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women, to implement the recommendations of the Council on the coordination of the multi-year programmes of the functional commissions related to poverty eradication, and calls upon all relevant functional commissions to fully implement the recommendations contained in its agreed conclusions 1996/1;

5. Decides, in accordance with its agreed conclusions 1996/1, to carry out in 1999, under the agenda item on integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits, an overall review of the theme of poverty eradication in order to contribute to the special session of the General Assembly in the year 2000 for the overall review of the World Summit for Social Development and to the five-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action [2] also in the year 2000.

2/ Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution I, annex II.